



Durham

Environmental Affairs Board

M i n u t e s

April 26, 2005•6:00 p.m.
Conference Room A
Ground Floor, City Hall

Approved Minutes

Members Present: Will Anderson, Kathi Beratan, Ahrash Bissell, Bill Harnett, Matthew Greenwolfe, Dock Terrell, Tim Dodge (non-confirmed member)

Members Absent: Excused: Sharon Beard; Unexcused: Howard Glasgow

Guests Present: None

Staff Present: Keith Luck, Vicki Westbrook, Doug Vaughn, Chuck Hill, Felix Nwoko

Call to Order/Minutes

Vice Chairman Ahrash Bissell called meeting to order. April 2005 meeting minutes approved 6-0.

Topics for Discussion

1. Vacant Seats. JCCPC is to vote May 16th on recommending the application of Rochelle Araujo for the Water Resources seat. Ahrash Bissell's seat is being advertised. Kathi Beratan will not seek reappointment.

2. Results Based Accountability Status. Kathi Beratan provided the following update: A workshop was held on April 25, 2005 at which all RBA working committees presented their work to date. The submission date for the final reports from the working groups is June 10, 2005. The environmental indicators selected at this time are a) biotic data for water quality (exact indicator not determined), b) greenhouse gas emissions (exact indicator not determined) and vehicle miles traveled for air quality, c) quality and quantity of protected lands for land and biodiversity. The Shodor Foundation offered to devise models showing cost savings to local governments derived from making government action and policy more "green."

3. Greenhouse Gas Action Plan. Felix Nwoko provided the following update: The City is in the process of making the final selection of the contractor to update the Plan. Mr. Nwoko sent a letter to the City and County managers in support of the Plan update and asking for \$25,000 in budget monies from each to accomplish the same. He recommended the Board ask the managers to recommend to the elected officials that they support budget monies for the Plan update and implementation. The consultants' bids ranged from \$80,000-\$200,000. Mr. Nwoko said that there is money in the Transportation Department that possibly could be used for the GGAP update and implementation if no monies are specifically budgeted in this cycle. The GGAP is

last on the Public Works priority list. Kathi Beratan noted that Duke's own GGAP study is on the web, and that Duke found significant cost savings

4. Air Quality Initiatives Report Status. Report was delivered to officials. Bill Harnett and Matthew Greenwolfe volunteered to follow up with staff and check on Report's whereabouts.

5. 2005-2006 EAB Workplan Discussion. Ahrash Bissell emphasized two fundamental points. First, the Board needs to find ways to work more closely with staff to follow up on its reports and ensure implementation. Second, the Board needs to better use its areas of expertise. There some of the perennial discussion of the Board's identity and role. Felix Nwoko commented that the elected officials see the Board as a conduit for public opinion and as a body having technical expertise. Bill Harnett emphasized the importance of following up on the Board's reports.

Announcements

The City and County approved the revised interlocal agreement, and it is awaiting the managers' signatures. This was Ahrash Bissell's last meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 p.m. upon a 7-0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted
Will Anderson, Secretary
May 12, 2005